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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/ EL SALVADOR: FOREIGN MINISTER CLAIMS SOLUTION

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ON HIS RETURN FROM OASGA, FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO TOLD LOCAL PRESS THAT " A JOINT CONCEPT TO CLEAR THE ROAD TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS" HAD BEEN WORKD OUT WITH HOONDURAN FORMIN BATRES DURING THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND THAT " THIS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION". BORGONOVO ADDED THAT " AT NO TIME HAS THERE EXISTED A MORE CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY CLIMATE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, NOW THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES THAT STOOD BETWEEN US" BUT BORGONOVO GAVE NO DETAILS ABOUT THE JOINT CONCEPT. MEANWHILE, ONE LOCAL PAPER REPORTED THAT RUMORS WERE WIDESPREAD IN HONDURAS THAT A MEETING BETWEEN MOLINA AND LOPEZ ARELLANO, ARRANGED BY ARANA AND SOMOZA, WOULD SOON BE HELD.

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COMMENT: WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE YET TO SUPPORT BORGONOVO'S
EXPRESSED

OPTIMISM THAT A DRAMATIC BREAK THROUGH IN THE CONFLICT IS AT
HAND, AND ARE INCLINED AT THIS STAGE TO ATTRIBUTE IT TO THE
FOLLOWING MOTIVES:

A) TO PRODUCE THE BEST POSSIBLE CLIMATE FOR ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS

B) TO DETER HARD LINE LOCAL PRESS FROM CONTINUING ATTACKS
AGAINST LOPEZ ARELLANO, AND

C) TO MAKE AMENDS TO OATRES FOR BORGONOVO'S PRIOR
INDISCRETIONS WITH THE HONDURAN PRESS.
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